

Net neutrality is fundamental to our democracy. I support the FCC's rules established in 2015 and would like to see the same protections upheld by the current Administration. ISPs should be subject to rigorous oversight per Title 2.

Paragraph 82 of the NPRM addresses whether ISPs should be authorized to throttle content at their own discretion. In past, this has resulted in unlawful behavior that was policed by the courts (which is a relatively costly way to provide oversight). This is exactly why the FCC must continue to play a strong role in protecting net neutrality. We need to prevent the throttling, blocking, and paid prioritization of content -- otherwise we road limiting free speech in the digital era.

Section 89 asks whether fees and data caps should be hidden by companies-- which stands against every principle of consumer protection. The broadband market is not fully competitive and by eliminating transparency protections, the FCC will undermine the already dissatisfactory relationship between service providers and their customers.

The US government should stand for net neutrality as a model for all democratic nations. The Chinese government is known to use internet censorship as a tool to spread propaganda and limit access to lawful content. Meanwhile, countries like India are aggressively protecting consumer access to information on the internet (blocking restrictive products like Facebook's Free Basics product). It will be unfortunate if the US fails to protect the rights of its citizens to access a free, open, and democratic internet.